Vladimir Putin

Prime minister

President

% Election result

1975
KGB secret agent (to 1990)

1991
Fall of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

1996
Employed by Kremlin

1998
Head of Federal Security Service

1999
Prime minister under Yeltsin, then acting president
- Launches second Chechen offensive

2000
53.4%
Elected president
- Curbs power of the oligarchs
- Reins in TV stations

2004
71.9%
Re-elected president
- **Beslan school siege:** More than 330 die in assault by security forces

2008
Re-elected president
- Limited to 2 successive terms.
- Swaps places with Prime Minister Dimitri Medvedev

2012
63.6%
Re-elected president

2014
- Annexes Crimea
- Sends troops into Ukraine

2015
Intervenes in Syrian war on side of regime

2017
Accused of interfering in US presidential election

2018
73.9%
Re-elected for his fourth presidential term

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